

Application No. 10/600,094
Amendment dated June 15, 2005
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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A mechanical wheel cleaner for a golf pull cart, the pull cart having at least one wheel, the at least one wheel having an inner portion, an outer portion, and a tread portion, the cleaner comprising:

a platform;

a motor adjacent to the platform;

at least one drive member operably attached to the motor, the at least one drive member being adapted to selectively rotate the wheel when the wheel is positioned on the platform and in contact with the drive member;

at least one wall extending upwardly adjacent to the at least one drive member, the at least one wall having a tread cleaner attached thereto.

~~the at least one cleaning member adapted to remove debris from each of the inner portion, outer portion, and tread portion of the wheel while the wheel is being rotated by the at least one drive member.~~

2. (Original) The mechanical wheel cleaner as recited in claim 1, wherein the platform comprises at least one aperture.

3. (Original) The mechanical wheel cleaner as recited in claim 1, further comprising an idler wheel adjacent to each at least one drive member.

4. (Original) The mechanical wheel cleaner as recited in claim 1, further comprising a switch that turns the motor on and off.

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5. (Original) The mechanical wheel cleaner as recited in claim 4, wherein the switch is manually actuated.

6. (Original) The mechanical wheel cleaner as recited in claim 4, wherein the switch is automatic.

7. (Original) The mechanical wheel cleaner as recited in claim 6, wherein the switch is timed.

8. (Original) The mechanical wheel cleaner as recited in claim 1, further comprising a wheel retainer adapted to prevent linear movement of the wheel.

9. (Currently amended) The mechanical wheel cleaner as recited in claim 1, ~~further comprising wherein the at least one wall comprises a plurality of retaining walls selectively attached to the platform and extending upwardly around the drive member, the at least one cleaning member being attached to the retaining walls.~~

10. (Currently amended) The mechanical wheel cleaner as recited in claim 1, wherein the ~~at least one cleaning member~~ tread cleaner comprises a brush.

11. (Original) The mechanical wheel cleaner as recited in claim 1, further comprising means for elevating the platform.

12. (Original) The mechanical wheel cleaner as recited in claim 11, further comprising a ramp selectively attached to the platform.

13. (Original) The mechanical wheel cleaner as recited in claim 1, wherein the number of drive members is two, each drive member being adapted to rotate a wheel.

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14. (Previously presented) The mechanical wheel cleaner as recited in claim 1, wherein the wheel cleaner is adapted to simultaneously clean two wheels of the golf pull cart.

15. (Currently Amended) A golf pull cart wheel cleaner, comprising:

a platform;

a motor adjacent to the platform;

at least one drive member operably attached to the motor, wherein each at least one drive member is adapted to selectively rotate a golf cart wheel when the golf cart wheel is positioned on the platform;

at least one wall extending upwardly adjacent to the at least one drive member; and,

at least one cleaning member positioned ~~above the platform on the at least one wall~~, the at least one cleaning member adapted to remove debris from a tread surface of the golf cart wheel while the golf cart wheel is being rotated by the at least one drive member.

16. (Previously presented) A golf cart wheel cleaner that removes debris simultaneously from two wheels of a manually-propelled golf cart, each wheel including an inside portion, and outside portion, and a tread portion, the golf cart wheel cleaner comprising:

at least one wheel rotator adapted to rotate the two wheels simultaneously;

means for substantially preventing linear movement of the two wheels while the wheels are being rotated;

at least one upstanding retaining wall extending upwardly adjacent to at least one wheel rotator; and

means, affixed to the at least one upstanding retaining wall, for removing debris simultaneously from the inside portion, the outside portion, and the tread portion of the wheels while the wheels are being rotated.

17. (Previously presented) A golf cart wheel cleaner, comprising:

a platform adapted to be elevated from a ground surface, the platform having two apertures therein;

three upstanding walls extending upwardly around each aperture;

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two drive member wheels operably connected to a motor by a drive shaft extending beneath the platform, each drive member wheel being adapted to rotate a golf cart wheel when the golf cart wheel is positioned on the platform; and,

at least one cleaning member attached to at least one of the three upstanding side walls and being adapted to remove debris from the golf cart wheels while the golf cart wheels are being rotated by the drive member wheels.

18. (Currently amended) The mechanical wheel cleaner as recited in claim 1, wherein the ~~at least one cleaning member~~ tread cleaner is non-rotatable.

19. (Currently amended) The golf cart wheel cleaner as recited in claim 16, wherein the cleaning ~~members are~~ means is non-rotatable.

20. (Previously presented) The golf cart wheel cleaner as recited in claim 17, wherein the cleaning members are non-rotatable.